

Golf Committee

Minutes of Meeting of September 2, 2007

- A. MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Davis, Don Davis, Bill Gately, Mike Hurley, Paul Lyons, Vic Solomini, and Mark Thomas, Mike Mazzola
- B. OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Crosby, Jim Hodge, and the Membership
- C. LOCATION: Golf Club Lounge
- D. CALL TO ORDER: Director Thomas called the Meeting to order at 10:405 A.M.
- E. PRIOR MINUTES: The draft of the prior meeting had been previously approved by unanimous vote over the internet.
- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None
- G. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GOLF CLUB MEMBERSHIP
- 1) The Membership nominated four individuals (Mark Thomas, Ron Vaillancourt, John Kett and Jim Hirsch) and by written vote Thomas, Vaillancourt and Kett were elected to serve on the Committee for three year terms.
 - 2) Cash flow appears satisfactory at this point in the fiscal year. An Operating Reserve and an Equipment Reserve have been adequately funded over the past few years, so there is money available for emergencies in both areas. It was noted that July and August continue to bring in the majority of revenues during the year.

Net positive cash flow: 2005 - \$22,020; 2006 - \$27,118

2007 projected cash flow - \$18,961 in reserves

Equipment purchase of used tractor in 2007

Equipment Reserve of \$26,395

Operating reserves - \$40,800
 - 3) The next Membership Workday is September 16, after the Scramble.
 - 4) In general, the course is considered to be in great shape. Improvements were made last Fall to the pond on the 5th hole; and drainage improved on the 3rd hole by the pond.

Planned course improvements include the 5th Tee rebuilding in the Fall, and the lady's 9th hole (which may begin if sufficient time and materials are available.)

Funding has been offered to create a Driving Range, thanks in part to Harry Zea, Vic Solimini (for use of equipment) and potentially others. This work will begin in the Fall. Location and design are posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge

5) Jim Hodge, Course Superintendent, commented that he considered improving drainage a top priority. One member complained of slow greens in the late fall just before closure. Jim indicated that this was to allow the roots to absorb as much carbohydrate material as they possibly can in order to survive the winter. Jim indicated he could cut the grass to the ¼ inch height more often during the week but that the greens would still be slow at the ¼ inch height.

6) Tournaments: Ryder Cup, Steak and Hot Dogs, Club Championship and Presidents were successfully run this year, as well as some outside tournaments.

Assistance is being sought to assist in the running of Club tournaments, in general. General discussion raised a request to generate a Survey, polling the membership on types of tournaments, format, timing, and solicit why participation is lower than desired. This Survey will be distributed in the December timeframe so feedback may be considered during the Winter Meeting.

7) Fund Raisers – Ice Cream Social, Labor Day Dance and Tee Markers are the main sources of fund raising. Again, turnout for the Ice Cream and Labor Day Dance is very low and the membership is encouraged to provide support. Some members were unaware that these events are sponsored by the Golf Club. There is one remaining Tee available for sponsorship. Members were invited to sponsor if they so chose.

8) Communication – Some members were unaware of various Tournaments and Social events and were encouraged to ensure their e-mail was properly recorded. Previous mention of a Winter Survey could include fund raising, suggested improvements and financial support for various projects.

9) Thank You – There were many words of appreciation for those who contributed either financially or through volunteerism.

- a. Laura Crosby and Jim Hodge– for their unending support on a daily basis – even going out of their way when a situation dictated additional support
- b. Bill Gately – taking workday to a new level – clearing out the brush on many holes, Bill has put in hundreds of hours to make it easier for the Membership to find a potentially ‘lost’ ball
- c. Harry Zea – Financial donations such as Patio furniture, Kitchen appliance, and of course our planned Driving Range
- d. Vic Solimini – Kitchen appliance, Dinner Dance Band, Ice Cream Socials, Equipment usage
- e. Willie Campbell – resident chef – contributing to Tournament and Labor Day Dinner Dance
- f. Paul and Lorraine Lyons – resident chef – spending hours at the ‘pit’ and serving up scrumptious dinners. Contributing to flowers around the course.
- g. Bob Miner – patio furniture and new flags

- h. Margaret Miner – flower arrangement and care
- i. Don and Laura Davis – running several tournaments and kitchen renovation committee
- j. Bruce Nisula – Committee secretary who takes copious notes and represents us during Executive Committee meetings. Also acts as the committee’s main interface to Jim, providing consolidated direction.
- k. Sue Nisula – Whose recent passing is difficult for the entire Membership and Island to absorb. Sue was very involved in the social dinners, serving to the masses. She was also co-chair of the Rally for a Cure charity event in August. She will be missed by all.
- l. Mike Mazzola for his work on the proposed renovation, mapping out designs and assisting in running tournaments
- m. Mike Hurley for his work on updating Yardage Books – with a projected release next Spring
- n. And to all those within the membership who’ve helped with a workday, or other assistance, the Committee wishes you a hearty THANK YOU,

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Letter from a Member raised the following issues:
 - a. Walk on players not paying. Members were encouraged to check people for tags and get them to pay.
 - b. Large groups (i.e., 5-6 players in a group) should not be allowed
 - c. Senior tees should be created and may be used for 70 years of age and above. Committee agreed with this request, and will have the next order of scorecards support use of senior tees. At the same time, ‘Ladies’ tees will be renamed to forward tees on the scorecards.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Davis
Golf Committee